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NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

Field Marshal Haig Opens New Offensive in Belgium East of Ypres.

MAY CUT OFF U-BOAT BASES

Germans Start Another Lot of Peace Rumors—Kerensky Proclaims Russian Republic But Must Curb Extreme Radicals—Labor Troubles in the United States.

BY EDWARD W. PICKARD.

Following the usual devastating artillery fire, a great attack on German positions in Belgium was begun by the British forces early Thursday morning. The offensive, the fiercest of recent months, embraced a wide front east of Ypres. The first day's fighting, which will be known as the battle of Meun road, resulted in big gains for Field Marshal Haig's troops, especially in the important sector between the Ypres-Roulers railway and Hellebeke. The Germans resisted desperately and the British were compelled to advance over ground covered with water-filled shell holes, barbed-wire entanglements and fallen trees and in the face of a murderous machine-gun fire from the many small concrete redoubts that have to a considerable extent, replaced the German front line trenches. But the British heavy artillery had done its work well, and the Germans pushed ahead, slaughtering the enemy or driving them far back.

The Germans naturally knew the attack was coming, but could not foresee just where it would be made. Haig's selection of the field for this offensive indicates that he intends to try to force Rupprecht of Bavaria away from the Belgian coast and to cut off the German U-boat and airplane bases along the shore between Zeebrugge and Nieuport. Such a move by the British has been looked forward to for a long time.

Italians Getting Ready.

The Italians seem to be gathering themselves for another leap at the throat of Austria, and their generals declare they must and will administer to the foe a decisive defeat in the field, and then they will be in a position to continue their advance on Trieste, and perhaps on Ljubljana. Meanwhile activity in the Trentino has increased and the Latins hit the Austrians there several times last week. That the latter have called on re-enforcements wherever they could get them is evidenced by the presence of Turks among the prisoners taken by the Italians in recent days.

Along the French front the few changes of the week were at the expense of the crown prince's forces. That famous young man is still trying to recover the plateaus of the Aisne and the lost positions near Verdun and sacrifices his soldiers with prodigality.

German Peace Rumors.

That Germany intends to make new peace proposals before many months become increasingly evident. Last week saw the sending up of several "trial balloons" from Berlin, including an industriously spread report that Great Britain had suggested terms, and a story that the kaiser would surrender Belgium and restore it. These feelers met with no sympathetic response by the allies. Great Britain flatly denied the alleged peace offer; Premier Poincaré reaffirmed France's determination to continue the war until Germany gave up Alsace-Lorraine and pledged reparation for the damages she has caused; and America steadily advanced with its tremendous preparations.

The German papers are permitted by the censor to discuss the peace rumors freely, probably to prepare the people for some move by the government, but neither the German nor the Austrian government seems to be yet in the proper mood to command any consideration from the allies, which are all on their guard.

The pope, it is reported, will send out new peace proposals to the belligerent powers toward the end of this month, and they will be more specific and enter into more details than the former proposals. Germany's reply to the pope's first note is said to accept the greater part of his plan but contains no specific declarations concerning Belgium. Austria's answer has been sent, but is negligible.

Argentina to Break Relations.

Germany's diplomatic bungling has added another to the list of her enemies, for the Luyburg incident and Berlin's inadequate explanations have induced the Argentine senate to vote to break off relations with Germany. It was the last great food-producing nation in the list of neutrals, and its action will result in big benefit to the allies in the restriction of exports of meat and grain

to neutral countries from which they might find their way to the central nations. If Argentina takes an active part in the war, she can muster an army of 198,000 men and has a navy that includes many powerful and modern vessels.

Sweden—the poor goat—is still in distress over the trouble into which German duplicity has dragged her, and is demanding explanations from Berlin and sending evasive notes to Washington and Buenos Aires. Her leaders assert that she shall not be forced into the war on either side. Meanwhile she is pleading with America for food-stuffs to keep from suffering the people who are likely to be the innocent victims of the stupidity of the officials.

Situation in Russia.

Premier Kerensky started the week off with a stirring proclamation declaring Russia to be a republic. He then, with four of his colleagues, undertook to conduct the government until the first congress meets on September 25 to frame a constitution and name a new ministry. Next he sent a scathing telegram to the Baltic fleet demanding that the men cease their excesses and restore order, and the following day he undertook the reorganization of the army, beginning by suppressing the activities of the self-constituted committees among the soldiers; he also ordered the arrest of General Kaledines, hetman of the Cossacks, whose loyalty to the government was doubtful. At this point Kerensky ran against two snags. The radicals gained control of the council of soldiers and workmen and demanded that the power of ruling the republic should be assumed at once by the council, acting in conjunction with the council of peasants. The leaders of the former council, who have linked it with the government, at once resigned. The Maximalists in the army groups strongly opposed the other barring politics from the army. The other snag was the attitude of the Cossacks. They demanded that the order for the arrest of Kaledines be canceled, and a delegation of loyalists went to Cossack headquarters to investigate conditions.

Kerensky and the new republic are by no means out of the woods yet, but it begins to look as if they would triumph over the forces of disorder and disloyalty. Certainly the soldiers at the front are making a better showing than for some time past. The northern armies stopped their retreat toward Petrograd and turned on the pursuing Germans, driving them back toward Riga and retaking a number of towns. In the south Russian troops cooperated with the Rumanians in their stout attacks on the invading Germans.

Coming to Their Senses.

Mayor Thompson of Chicago, for long in his petty way one of our most persistent opponents of the government's conduct of the war, has seen a great light and issued a proclamation calling on "all patriotic citizens to stand by our country in times of controversy" and bidding Godspeed to the men of the National army. Thompson's friends say he never has been unpatriotic, but was misled by certain "dark forces" among his associates—which is defending his loyalty at the expense of his intelligence.

It is gratifying to note, also, the signs of change of outward expression, if not of heart, on the part of some of the German-American newspapers, following the government's raid on the office of one of the worst of them in Philadelphia. One of the Milwaukee papers has become suddenly patriotic, and another, in Oregon, has changed its name to the Portland American and will be printed wholly in English. There is room for all of them within the loyalty fold.

The truth is that persons of intelligence, with the exception of fanatics and intentional traitors, are fast realizing that this war on Germany is being made by the people of the United States and that they intend to see it through to a victorious conclusion. Their determination is increasing as their sons and brothers go into the training camps, and when the casualty lists begin to come from the other side, it will be irresistible.

Many Labor Troubles.

Despite the undoubted patriotism and energetic efforts of President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, the government is having a lot of trouble with strikes of organized labor and only strenuous work and cleverness on the part of its mediators prevent the disastrous tying up of industries whose continued operation is necessary to successful carrying on of the war. The latest important instance of this began last Monday when some 25,000 iron workers at San Francisco struck for higher wages and stopped work on \$150,000,000 worth of government contracts for ship building. The federal shipping board offered to pay one-half of any wage increases for companies making not more than 10 per cent profit on commandeered ships, the ship builders agreed to consider the men's demands, and prospects for ending the strike were good.

In New Orleans and New York sev-

DISTRICT COURT WILL CONVELE IN TUCUMCARI NEXT MONDAY

District court convenes next Monday in Tucumcari. There are an unusually large number of divorce suits pending but otherwise the docket has fewer cases than usual.

A number of road petitions will be presented to the commissioners for their approval, the most popular perhaps being the main road south to the Cap Rock. This new route runs nearly due south from Tucumcari until about one mile north of Quay, then a road will run west to Quay connecting with the main traveled Ragland road. This will make it possible for the county to centralize its money on one road which could easily be connected with the Taylor canyon road after passing the Mesa Rodonda. A large number of farmers live out in that part of the county and will no doubt welcome a road through their fertile country. Road Commissioner Brown thinks this road is the best possible to make south as the materials along the route are more suitable for the construction of a permanent roadbed. It also misses the hills south of town.

This laying out of permanent roads is a great problem and the sooner it is solved the better for the country.

"THE BIRTH OF A NATION"

It would be rather interesting to know what those, who yesterday so bitterly and ardently protested the showing of "The Birth of a Nation" think of it today; that is, if they viewed the photoplay before. Perhaps it would be difficult to get a true opinion. With charges and counter-charges quite likely most of those who have seen it but once spent more time looking for the alleged objectionable features than they did in noting the beauty of detail. The Reviewer did, and failed to find anything to substantiate the arguments of the opponents of the film. Degenerate negroes are shown, it is true, but they are shown as individuals; it would be exceedingly difficult to construe the intention as making them representative of the race. The whites of the carpetbagging days fare far worse, and the "leaders" explain in a language that cannot be misunderstood that the acts of the negro rioters are directly attributable to the machinations of the white leaders. This play will be shown at the opera house in a few days. Read the ad. in another column of the News.

The impartial observer will look upon the photoplay as an historical document; as a reproduction of happenings that actually took place in this country half a century ago. He will not permit race sympathies to enter into the question when he forms his opinion of the production.

He is a cold, calculating sort of man indeed, who can view "The Birth of a Nation" and not feel countless emotions surging through his veins. Love, hate, sorrow, pity, exaltation, scorn, patriotism—all are included in this photoplay, and you can't get away from them. But then, there is a double reason—an excellent film plus a very fine musical organization.

The music is said to be more than half the entertainment. That is the reason the Griffith production is the greatest of all movie shows. Picture and music synchronize always. You are aroused to the high pitch of excitement attendant upon the showing of a great battle scene by some such stirring composition as "In the Hall of the Mountain King." And some simple, little, moon-light melody settles you back in your chair to view a dainty love scene. The wild call of the Ku Klux Klansmen brings a tremor of expectancy; the sad strains of a folk song for those mourning a love one killed in action. Not a moment does the music stop, and always it arouses the emotion which must be felt to get the most from whatever scene is pictured on the screen.

REX SUNDAY MATINEE-EVENING

Douglas Fairbanks in a Fairbanks' comedy produced by the Fairbanks company in typical Fairbanks style is what the Rex Theatre will offer as its big attraction next Sunday when "In Again-Out Again" makes its appearance here. "Doug" is known to be the best medium for the removal of wrinkles the country has ever known which means that he is a tonic for young and old alike. His latest screen effort, the first Fairbanks release of the Artercraft Pictures Corporation, is fifty reels of joy boiled down into six. Read the ad. Usual prices.

Two train loads of soldiers passed through Tucumcari east bound today their destination not being known. The boys were mostly all new recruits and no doubt were on their way to training quarters in the east preparatory to going to "Somewhere in France."

JAS. Z. POTTER DIES SUDDENLY AFTER ILLNESS OF FEW HOURS

James Zaddock Potter, died Wednesday evening about seven o'clock, after an illness of only a few hours duration. Some thought the cause of death was ptomaine poisoning while others think it was from a general nervous break-down together with an attack of stomach trouble, from which he had suffered a long time.

Mr. Potter was a young man and would have been twenty-six years old next Monday. He has been employed at the Elk Drug Store as pharmacist and had a large circle of friends. He attended the dance at the Elks Club Tuesday night and did not return to his room until after midnight. He took suddenly ill shortly after going to bed and remained in a semi-conscious condition most all morning. His friends together with the attending physicians did all they could to restore him back to life but their efforts were in vain, as death came to his relief as stated above.

His father lives in Piggott, Ark., and he was notified at once. Word was received to have the remains sent home for burial. Funeral services will be conducted at the Elks Club Rooms and the remains will be sent to Piggott, leaving here at 2:40 Friday morning.

The many friends here extend sympathy to the relatives at home for this untimely demise of a capable young man like Mr. Potter.

LA FOLLETTE, THE DISLOYAL

Senator La Follette, in his speech in St. Paul recently, declared this country went to war with Germany on technicalities, that the Germans were doing no more than this country would have done in the same circumstances, that the draft law was unconstitutional, and that the country was now ruled more despotically than any monarchy in the world.

Such seditious utterances will be suppressed by the strong arm of the law. It would do little good for the senate to expel La Follette, because it is stated, with reason to believe the statement true, that he would be returned to the senate by more than one hundred thousand plurality.

A very large percentage of the German-Americans are loyal to the government and nation, but in spots the contrary is true. In every section there is some disloyalty. Something of that sinister spirit can be found even in New Mexico, though it is probable that no other state in the union has less of it.

But it is up to the people of German descent to check utterances which fast suspicion on those who are innocent. Judge Holloman is said to have made a speech to the State Bar Association meeting at Roswell, dealing with a New Mexico case, which possibly about strikes at the root of disloyalty in New Mexico, and which, on the other hand, may have disclosed nothing more than meaningless utterances by a man who sometimes is not exactly responsible for what he says.

To give the facts, as they appear to be, might be a grave injustice—Albuquerque Journal.

LAHOMA TO SHIP ORE

Thomas W. Smith who is vice-president and general manager of the Lahoma Copper company, which is now taking out ore in Dalton canon just over the ridge from the upper end of Santa Fe canon, only twelve miles east of this city, was in from the mine Thursday.

Mr. Smith says that mines are only one and one-half miles from the end of the Scenic Highway, that a piece of road is being built to connect, and that all the bridge timbers have been provided without cost to the county and arrangements made with county and state road authorities for the immediate repair of the Scenic Highway.—Santa Fe Record.

FREE TRANSPORTATION

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 24.—Recruits for the Forest Regiment can now secure free transportation from their places of residence to the nearest U. S. recruiting office, according to an announcement by the District Forester. Postmasters are authorized to wire collect to the main U. S. recruiting office of the region, giving the applicant's name and certifying that he has the official Forest Service recruiting card; and transportation will be sent by mail.

C. B. Hamilton has returned home from Kentucky where he visited home folks several weeks. Mrs. Hamilton underwent an operation for gall-stones and is yet in the hospital but fast recovering from a successful operation.

For Rent—Three furnished rooms, well located. Call this office.

JOE YEAGER BUY THE OPERA HOUSE AT TUCUMCARI, N. M.

Joe Yeager, the manager of the Rex Theater, purchased the Opera House at Tucumcari this week. Mr. Voorhees and Mr. Yeager have entered into partnership in the conduct of the business and the former will be in full charge at Tucumcari. The house will open up for business this week.

Mr. Yeager has demonstrated his ability to manage show houses successfully by the manner in which he has conducted the Rex Theater in this city, and the people of Tucumcari are to be congratulated in having acquired his services in the capacity in which he will be associated.—Raton Reporter.

Mr. Yeager arrived as announced and opened Saturday night to a large audience. He says he expects to put on nothing but first-class pictures and expects to cater to the best people of Tucumcari. He has no use for the "Diamond-Dick" and "Nick Carter" stuff, and while it will cost considerable more to buy the best he thinks the citizenship of Tucumcari, like that of Raton, will appreciate his efforts to secure something that will build up the morals of a community. Each night with these excellent pictures he will give a two-reel comedy which will make you forget the serious side of life for a few minutes at least. Special music will also be secured as Mr. Yeager believes there is as much real enjoyment in good music as in good pictures. If you have not visited the opera house under the new management do it now, take in one of the entertainments and if you are not a booster for the show, you're not like other folks.

In the meantime the opera house will be equipped with a new concrete fire-proof booth, \$800 latest model screen, rest room with toilet connections for women, smoking parlor for men and numerous other improvements. Mr. Yeager is well pleased with Tucumcari, he likes New Mexico and expects to be a permanent fixture here as the town looks good to him.

QUAY WANTS A HIGH SCHOOL

Patrons of the Quay and adjoining districts, it is said, are contemplating the consolidation of three or four districts into one good school district. It is proposed to join Quay, Dodson, Barancos and Ward, and probably another, making the central school at Quay. This is in keeping with the recommendations of the last legislature, and would make it possible to teach all the grades up even to the 12th and would not have either class crowded, thus allowing the teacher a better opportunity of instructing each child. Those in charge of this new arrangement are optimistic about the success of the new project. Prof. Randall, who is now principal at Quay, is one of the best instructors in Quay county, and he is now ably assisted by Miss Bond, but if this consolidation project is accepted by all concerned, it will be necessary to add two or three more teachers to the faculty. Quay now has an enrollment of 60 pupils, and with the other smaller districts added the enrollment would more than double. It would also be necessary to build two or three more rooms to the already spacious school house at Quay. It is proposed to teach music, domestic science and other branches, same as are taught in the best high schools of the state.

PURCELL—MOYERS

A beautiful wedding service which solemnized the marriage of Miss Fannie Purcell and Mr. S. N. Moyers of San Jon, took place at the Methodist parsonage in this city Saturday afternoon at five o'clock. Rev. R. E. Stevenson officiating. They were attended by Mr. Van Purcell, brother of the bride, Miss Bess Moyers, sister of the groom, Mr. Chas. Brown and Miss Bess Purcell, sister of the bride. The wedding march was played by Miss Cynthia Elkins of Tucumcari.

The bridal party left immediately for San Jon where a wedding dinner was served at the home of the groom's parents.

Mr. Moyers is engaged in the hardware business at San Jon and Mrs. Moyers is a teacher in the schools there. Both of these young people have the highest respect and esteem of the town and community in which they live, and the heartiest good wishes of all go with them.

They will make their residence in San Jon.

FERGUSON OUSTED

Austin, Texas, Sept. 25.—James E. Ferguson was formally declared removed from office as governor of Texas and barred from hereafter holding any public office "of honor, trust or profit" by the adoption late today in the senate high court of impeachment of the majority report of a special senate committee. The majority report was adopted after a minority report, recommending removal from office had been defeated. The vote on the adoption of the majority report was 25 to 3, with one pair and one absent.

36 MORE BOYS WILL LEAVE QUAY COUNTY NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

List of men ordered to report to Quay county board for Military duty and for transportation to the mobilization camp at Camp Funston, Kansas at once. The time they must report is 1 o'clock p. m., October 2, 1917:

- 23—Oliver Newton Flint.
- 27—Donato Flores.
- 160—Clarence Kraus.
- 46—Robert Veitch Jack.
- 87—William Clayton.
- 34—Robert W. McCluskey.
- 34—Joseph Edgar Fenn.
- 41—Howard Maryon Bullard.
- 54—James Henry Bannon.
- 170—Arthur Claude Camp.
- 197—Joy Frank Bell.
- 202—Steven Elmer Bullington.
- 210—Edward Duke Fisher.
- 211—Floyd Franklin Carter.
- 221—John Haller.
- 226—Paul Marez.
- 229—Reginald Montgomery.
- 245—Aurel B. Bragg.
- 249—Guy Pence.
- 261—Henry Nathan Hendricks.
- 265—Joseph M. Jordon.
- 270—Toms, B. Anderson.
- 279—Roy Chapman.
- 281—Emory Esmom Wilkerson.
- 286—Ramon Lujan.
- 290—Robert Sidney Beevers.
- 296—Walter Vernon Schneider.
- 310—Jasper Leonard Johns.
- 319—Thomas Jefferson Ayers.
- 334—Sargent Prentice Beasley.
- 340—William Ray Reed.
- 363—Howard K. Shinn.
- 369—Alexander Carlyle Shaw.
- 372—Charlie White.
- 389—Samuel Berton Blackburn.
- 390—Emilio Lujan.
- 394—Fred Alexander Driscoll.
- 403—John Harless.
- 405—Jewell Esabelle Foster.
- 410—Hudy Lilard Copelin.
- 417—Charlie H. Lerke.
- 418—Archie Gilbert Jenkins.
- 419—Marion Claude Nelson.
- 427—William Claude Sellman.
- 428—John Gurney Hershberger.
- 439—George Harold Huber.
- 445—Daniel Benton Julian.

The men above have all been notified to appear in Tucumcari next Tuesday afternoon when the roll will be called. Four of them are men who failed to show up when the other list was chosen from Quay county. There will be 40 per cent or 36 men go this time and the balance will follow within a few days. An effort is being made to entertain the boys while in town and bid them goodbye wishing them luck in "swatting der kaiser," and a happy return home after the trick has been performed. The program for the entertainment has not yet been announced.

Some of these boys are already in the army and cannot appear before the board. Quay county's board has been highly praised for its untiring efforts and honest dealings with the boys called to the colors. They have exempted every married man who had proof of dependants. In some of the counties the boards have been partial to some of the families while they have seemingly over-stepped their full powers. The U. S. authorities at the camps will not be partial in the matter when the boys arrive there and if they deserve exemptions they will be allowed to return home.

AUTO TO EVERY 31 PEOPLE IN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

There is now an automobile to every 31 inhabitants of New Mexico. The total of licenses issued today in Santa Fe, reached 13,100, and the estimated population of the state is 410,000. All the automobile license plates have been exhausted, and until an additional supply, ordered recently, arrives, applications cannot be filed. It is expected that the additional numbers will reach the office of the secretary of state this week.

CENTER ST. METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday is the last one of the present conference year. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11: Subject of the sermon, "Motives Impelling Us to Live the Christian Life." Epworth League 7 p. m. Evening worship at 7:45.

Annual conference convenes at El Paso Wednesday Oct. 3. W. R. Lombuth will be the presiding bishop. This is his third consecutive year to hold the New Mexico Conference.

R. E. Stevenson, Pastor.

E. C. Muckelroy, foreman of the News office, has a freak potato vine at his place in the south part of town. The vine has a cluster of six tomatoes in place of bloom and it also has a large bunch of potatoes in the ground. He is at a loss to know what to call the vine, although it does not favor a tomato vine in the least.

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